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23 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive ✓  
Chief, Administrative Staff  
Chief, [REDACTED]

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FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

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SUBJECT: Reproduction backlog on the [REDACTED] Project

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1. The [REDACTED] Project conducted by the [REDACTED] is exploiting unclassified publications in the Library of Congress which give useful information on Soviet industry and economy. Though the material is dated, it is of very real value in producing facts and figures for the period before the USSR commenced obscuring its public statements on industrial output by expressing them in terms of percentage increases rather than in actual units.

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2. [REDACTED] negotiated an arrangement between CIA and [REDACTED] last year which provided that [REDACTED] would prepare its reports in 25X1A1c format ready for reproduction and incorporation in ICF files, and CIA in return would reproduce and disseminate the reports. This added very little to our reproduction burden, and it eliminated the need for extensive revision and editing of the [REDACTED] Reports in order 25X1A2g to put them in ICF format.

3. 13,815 reports were received up to July 1st, and were reproduced and disseminated in accordance with the agreement. Since July 1st an additional 6,515 reports have been received, of which all but 758 have gone through Industrial Register and been sent on to Reproduction. None of these reports have yet been reproduced and distributed, and it is to be expected that there will soon be complaints from [REDACTED] and 25X1A1c the other agencies which use the reports.

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4. The Chief, Reproduction Branch, has given every possible cooperation to the Industrial Register in this and many other voluminous reproduction problems, but he informs us that he is now powerless to get the [REDACTED] reports moving. One of the three assigned operators is sick, another is on leave, and the third is devoting most of his effort to higher priority projects.

5. This situation is brought to the attention of the Acting Executive for such remedial action as may be possible.

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*Per Mr. [REDACTED] 8/25/50  
Acting Exec has approved  
15 add'l positions for Reproduction  
Not solely for this problem however  
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